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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROMOTING AND SUPPORTING ARTS ADVOCACY IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Goodwin, Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Lombardi, and Satchell

Date Introduced: March 22, 2016

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Former President John Fitzgerald Kennedy wisely stated, "Above all, we are
2 coming to understand that the arts incarnate the creativity of a free people. When the creative
3 impulse cannot flourish, when it cannot freely select its methods and objects, when it is deprived
4 of spontaneity, then society severs the root of art"; and

5 WHEREAS, Recognizing the important relationship between the arts and our quality of
6 life, and the arts and a thriving state economy, is an essential element in humanity's vast effort to
7 develop and expand this world for future generations; and

8 WHEREAS, Comprised of performing, visual, and environmental areas, a thriving arts
9 culture generates additional income, jobs, and tax revenue for our communities; and

10 WHEREAS, The National Conference of State Legislators and the National Governors
11 Association has found that the arts significantly contribute to the creation of more flexible and
12 adaptable workers, who are essential for businesses to compete in today's economy; and

13 WHEREAS, In addition, studies have shown that students who participate in the arts,
14 whether in school or after school, demonstrate improved academic performance and realize lower
15 dropout rates; and

16 WHEREAS, Not only does a thriving arts and cultural life improve educational
17 outcomes, and generate income, jobs, and tax revenue for our communities, more importantly, it
18 helps to build a state that is attractive not only a destination, but as a place to call home; now,
19 therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
2 hereby supports and promotes arts advocacy in our state; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
4 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Rhode Island State Council for the Arts.

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